

# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



## Relay for Life leaves community members victorious

**Pat Young**  
*Frontline Staff*

The Liberty County Relay for Life is an annual event with goals to increase Cancer awareness while raising funds to fight Cancer.

This year's Relay for Life Chairman, Brian Carter said the goal was to raise at least \$100,000. At the closing ceremonies he proudly announced the event raised more than \$163,000 with funds still coming in.

Among the Relay's attendees were Soldiers, Family members, and civilians from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

One of the teams was the installation's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

"I think it was a good idea to support the community," said Staff Sgt. Erica Gordon, BOSS

president. "I don't have a Family member with Cancer, but I think its a good cause and wanted to help."

Gordon was joined by teammates, Lt. Col. John Platt, from United States Army Garrison at Fort Stewart, Ray White, an employee at the Marne Reception Center, and Chris Dent from Stewart's Outdoor Recreation.

White wanted to help, but also represented his mother, who is a two-time survivor of Cancer.

"This event brings a lot of strength to the fight against Cancer," White said. "You learn that if you develop cancer, you can deal with it."

Other teams with members from Fort Stewart included the Enlisted Spouses Club, Victory Chapel, the Battle Fighters, and many more.

The Battle Fighters, a group of friends from Fort Stewart have been regulars at the Relay for

Life for 10 years.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of attractions including a moon walk, costume contest, music and dance.

The participants came out to have fun while increasing cancer awareness.

The American Cancer Society website, [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org), said knowing facts about Cancer can save lives through prevention and early detection. Some of their programs focus on tobacco control, proper diet, and fitness.

According to the Web site, Cancer develops when cells in a part of the body begin to grow out of control. The Web site also indicated Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States with half of all men and one third of all women in the United States developing Cancer during their lifetime.

The ACS says the risk of developing most types of Cancer can be reduced by making positive health decisions like quitting smoking and eating a better diet. In addition, timely identification and treatment of Cancer increases your chances of living for many years.

A recent study cited at the Web site, Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Facts and Figures 2007, said the fight against Cancer has made some headway.

"The death rate from all Cancers combined has decreased in each of the last 12 years which data is available," the Web site noted. "An overall decrease of 13.6 percent from 1991 to 2004."

You can find out more about the fight against cancer by contacting the National Cancer Information Center at 1800-ACS-2345 or visit the ACS Web site.

## 1BCT FRG members recognized for their efforts at ceremony

**Pvt. Blanton Rosenau**  
*2nd BCT Public Affairs*

Soldiers' spouses of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division were recognized for their volunteer work Sunday at Fort Stewart's Rockys'.

The volunteers were recognized for their endless sacrifices and tireless efforts taking care of the Families of deployed Soldiers, said Col. John Charlton, 1st BCT commander in a letter sent from Iraq.

Heidi Charlton, his spouse and Family Readiness Group leader, read the letter to the volunteers of the six battalions.

According to Stewart's Army Community Services, the FRG provides Family readiness, assistance and support services to Families of Active Component and Reserve Component forces, and emergency-essential civilians in support of military operations to enhance unit cohesion and increase readiness.

"The volunteers' love and support of the Families here," said Charlton. "This allows the Soldiers in Iraq to focus on their tasks and missions, knowing that their loved ones are in good hands."

"Most of these volunteers have full time jobs," Charlton continued. "That they still find the time and energy to support other Families is nothing short of remarkable. They send emails and make phone calls to keep the Families here informed of their beloved Soldiers who are deployed."

The FRG began their support process before deployment. Preplanning for ACS indicates that Family assistance ensures a comprehensive, realistic, effective and coordinated assistance delivery system is in place prior to military operations.

They hold deployment readiness briefings, information fairs, offer group training and support, and much more. During major deployments they open a Family Assistance Program which serves as the resource center for emergency help to Families while the sponsor is away.



Left to right from the top:  
3rd BSB: Jessica Fife, Kathy Luedecking, Suzi Christiansen, Michelle Lopez, Heather Moore, and Judy Symonette

2/7 Inf.: Audrey Frohohoefer, Yasha Brijnath, Teresa Goody, Jessica Wolfomber, Barbara Castillo, Janine Delibert, Carolyn Crissman, Melissa Lichtenberger, Pam Vanreenen, and Tanya McKee  
1/41 FA: Becky Ponton, Yolanda Jones, Evelyn Fraley, Laura Fleming, Christine Gibson, Nicole Danser, Shannon Kittok, Rosanne Slay, Patty Haller, Kim Jamis, Pam Brooks, Tamara Nicole, and Jamie Flower;

1/3 BTB: Lawrie Gilbert, Patricia Fronefield, Amanda Lumpkin, Sonja Beardsley, Monica Alloway, Colea Blough, Becky Ponton, Amy Stou, Victoria Prissley, Shela Kelly, Tina Woodford, Nicole Graham-Smith, Meaghan Kammer, Dawn McCraw, and Ann Burdeshaw

5/7 CAV: Tina Carlson, Cathy Lions, Lori Kenny, Felicia Billings, Staphine LaChance, Laurie Cooper, Stephanie Galloway, Melissa Gardny, Amber Cesnik, Jacqueline Williamson, Kim Hopkins, Alexis Davis, Amanda Haines, Victoria Nicks, and Joanie Zipperer

Some services which will be available to assist in emergency situations when families have no one else to help them include childcare, local transportation, food, financial assistance, crisis counseling, information and referral.

These volunteers support and help each other through this hard period of separation. Their efforts make a huge difference in the lives of the Soldiers and their families here, said Charlton.

## Pets of the Week



**I**ndigo the kitten and Nyda the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



# MWR Briefs

### Learn Ju-Jitsu

Learn a Japanese combat art used by police and military forces, 6-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, at Caro Physical Fitness Center. The fee is \$45 a month. For more information, call 767-7090.

### Feel the burn

Basic Endurance Aerobic Training, a new, high-intensity aerobics class based on the Army physical fitness program, is being offered from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays at Jordan Fitness Center.

### Matting and framing class available

A matting and framing class is held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first Saturday of every month. Call 767-8609 to register.

### Open recreation at Youth Center

Saturdays are open recreation at the Stewart Youth Center.

First through fifth grades: noon to 2 p.m.; sixth through 12th grades: 2-8 p.m. The Child and Youth Services membership fee of \$15 is required. For more information call 767-4491.

### Help strike out abuse

Bowling for teens is only \$1 per game (including shoes) from 9 p.m. to midnight, tomorrow at Hunter Lanes. Call 767-5058 for more information call 767-5058.

### Town Hall Meeting slated

Families can bring up issues of concern for review by panel to improve quality of life at 5:30 p.m., May 1 at Club Stewart. Watch live on Marne TV and call in your questions to 767-ROCK or 315-ROCK.

### Investment Workshop offered

Learn how to plan for your retirement today from 6 - 8 p.m. at Army Community Services, Bldg 86. Call 767-5058.



## A A F E S P R E S E N T S

APRIL 26 THROUGH MAY 3



### I Think I Love My Wife

**Today — 7 p.m.**

(Chris Rock, Kerry Washington)

Richard Cooper has it all. His wife, Brenda, is beautiful, intelligent and a fantastic mother to his children--but there's just one little problem - he's bored out of his suburban businessman's mind. Richard can't help but fantasize about having nearly every woman he sees. Still, it's only fantasy. Then, one fateful day, an alluring, free-spirited, not to mention stunning, old friend, Nikki, suddenly appears at his office door, putting him to the ultimate test. Just how much is Richard Cooper willing to risk when temptation comes after him? After all, he really does love his wife--at least he thinks he does. *Rated R (language, sexual content) 94 min*

### 300

**Friday, Saturday — 6 p.m.**

**May 2 — 7 p.m.**

(Gerard Butler, Lena Headey)

Set in the midst of the Persian-Greco war during the Battle of Thermopylae, where Spartan king Leonidas led his army of 300 soldiers into battle against the invading Persian army. According to legend, their valor and sacrifice inspired all of Greece to unite against their Persian foe, leading to the origins of democracy. *Rated R (graphic battle sequences, sexuality, nudity) 117 min*

### Zodiac

**Friday, Saturday — 8:30 p.m.**

**May 3 — 7 p.m.**

(Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo)

As a serial killer terrifies the San Francisco Bay Area and taunts police with his ciphers and letters, investigators in four jurisdictions search for the murderer. The case will become an obsession for

four men as their lives and careers are built and destroyed by the endless trail of clues. *Rated R (strong killings, language, drug material, sexual images) 158 min*

### Black Snake Moan

**Sunday — 6 p.m.**

(Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci)

Bitter and broken from a cheating wife and a shattered marriage, Lazarus' soul is lost in spent dreams and betrayal's contempt--until Rae. Half naked and beaten unconscious, Rae is left for dead on the side of the road when Lazarus discovers her. Lazarus quickly learns that the young woman he's nursing back to health is none other than the town tramp from the small Tennessee town where they live. Worse, she has a peculiar anxiety disorder. He realizes when the fever hits, Rae's affliction has more to do with love lost than any found. Refusing to know her in the biblical sense, Lazarus decides to cure Rae of her wicked ways--and vent some unresolved male vengeance of his own. *Rated R (sexual content, language, violence, drug use) 118 min*



*Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.*

# Winn Army Hospital Community Briefs

## Mass school health screenings available

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed.

Winn's mass school health screening will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 19 and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration.

Tuttle's mass school health screening will be from 8 a.m. to noon, May 19 and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration.

The screenings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

## New student in Georgia?

If you can't make it to the mass school health screening, all services except eye and ear screenings are available on a walk-in basis for school health screenings.

Dental screenings are available Monday through Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Dental Clinic 1. For more information, call 767-8513.

Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursday from 1- 3 p.m. For more information, call the Allergy Immunization Clinic at 435-6633.

Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye or ear screening, call the appointment line at 435-6633.

## Sports physicals offered

School sports physicals are available by appointment during normal clinic hours Monday through Friday at

Winn's Pediatric clinic. To schedule a sports physical, call the appointment line at 435-6633.

## April is Donate - a - Life Month

April LifeLink of Georgia, the local organ procurement organization, along with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the transplant community across the country honor and pay tribute to the generosity of organ donors and their families.

National Donate Life Month encourages individuals to learn about the importance of becoming an organ and tis-sue donor.

Currently more than 95,000 people are listed for an organ transplant nationwide. In Georgia more than 1,700 people await the gift of life. To learn more about organ and tissue donation visit [www.lifelinkfound.org](http://www.lifelinkfound.org).

## I'm pregnant. Now what?

Congratulations on your pregnancy. Prenatal care is available at both Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart and Tuttle Army Health Clinic at Hunter Army Airfield. Pregnancy tests are available. Active duty Soldiers need a documented pregnancy from the laboratory. Civilian spouses may confirm pregnancy with a home test or by a hospital urine test. Please call 435-6633 to schedule a new OB nurse interview and an OB physical appointment at Winn or Tuttle. You can also make appointments in per-son or book online. The TRICARE online Web site is [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

Winn Army Community Hospital is seeking adult volun-teers who are interested in performing administrative, clerical or clinical duties throughout the hospital. The next hospital volunteer orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m., May 3.

For more information, call Brigitte Roberts at 435-6903 or e-mail to [brigitte.roberts@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:brigitte.roberts@se.amedd.army.mil).

## Let's hear from you

We need you, our customer, to take our Winn Survey. Please stop by the Patient Representative's Office on the first floor of the hospital, suite CH32, to take our 5 minute computer survey about your visit at Winn on the day of your visit.

## Fix DEERS to receive healthcare

Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online. DEERS informa-tion can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, visiting [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm) or stopping by Building 253 on Fort Stewart.

## Ready to quit class

This class is for those interested in quitting tobacco use. This class is a pre-requisite to Tobacco Use Cessation class-es. The classes are held at 11 a.m., the fourth Wednesday of every month.

For more information or to make an appointment, at Winn or Tuttle call 435-5071 or 1-800-652-9221.

## Health screenings available

Do you have a family history of high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes? If so, stop in for a health screen-ing.

The screenings take place 10 -11 a.m. and 1- 3 p.m. every Monday in Building 308. The screenings are held on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 435-5071.

# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

March 21

• **Austin Merrile Couturier, III**, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Austin Merrile Couturier and Christina Couturier.

March 26

• **Ian Emanuel Costas**, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Mr. Ivan Q. Costas and Spc. Ruby Y. Villarreal.

April 10

• **Aubrey Lynn Havemann**, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeremy S. Havemann and Amanda J. Havemann.

• **Sophie Ann Marley**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Maj. Chad Thomas Marley and Catherine Richardson Marley.

April 11

• **Addyson Eva Holmquist**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Cody Holmquist and Carrie Holmquist.

• **Brandon Scott Seiler**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Capt. Joseph Seiler and

Capt. Kathleen Seiler.

April 12

• **Sawyer Michael Hankins**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Cody Holmquist and Carrie Holmquist.

• **Madilyn Karalea Romo**, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jason Romo and Christy Romo.

April 13

• **Devin James McDaniel**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. James Creighton McDaniel and Latika Fini McDaniel.

April 14

• **Abigail Kathleen Barone**, a girl, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Paul Richard Barone and Erin Kathleen Barone.

April 15

• **Quentin Lamont Hausey**, a boy, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Quentin Hausey and Desiree

Hausey.

April 16

• **Aviance Imari LaShea Bellamy**, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. James Bellamy and Lachandra Bellamy.

April 17

• **Amisa Kien Walker**, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Leonard Jenarr Walker and Tisha Ann Walker.

April 18

• **Caiden Kristoffer Olson**, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Kristoffer Jon Olson and Rochelle Lynn Olson.



# Reflecting on previous moments of church, family, nature

## Chap. (Maj.) Milton Johnson Family Life Chapel

If I were asked what are the three things I enjoy doing, the answer would be attending church, spending time with Family, and pausing to meditate on nature. Although I enjoy a number of other things, these are first on the list because when I do them I give, receive, and learn more about myself and others than when I do other things.

Since childhood, church has been an important part of my life. Although I am very shy, just preparing to go to church has always been exciting because that's the time I pull away from work to get spiritual energy to go through the next week happy and content. A young man stopped by my office recently, to share an experience of surrendering his life to the Lord and the joy he has as a result. His story was fascinating.

He said an Military Police Soldier stopped to check on him while he was changing a flat tire on his car. After asking several questions, the MP started talking about the Lord and church. The conversation turned into a lengthy Bible study that ended with an appeal for conversion and an invitation to go to church. The Soldier said he accepted both and have been happy ever since. He could not wait to see a chaplain and talk about his new life. When he left my office I thought, "If everybody could have that kind of experience, what a better place the world would be."

Everybody can have that experience if they would take the time to do what that young man did – open their hearts to receive the request of the Lord to come into their lives, and follow through with going to church or a chapel. I can not think of a better time for a person to try it than right now while reading this article or this weekend. Christ and church can bring happiness to one's life and I invite you to try.

The second joy for me is getting together with family. I grew up in a large family (six brothers and six sisters) and my parents practiced eating meals, going to church, and taking vacations together. It was at those family gatherings where I learned to pray, be polite, and felt good about the personality God gave me. When my folks got together we laughed,

cried, talked, criticized each other, and sometimes that was all we did for the entire evening after supper. In those days, I learned more about how to work hard and respect people than probably any class, job, or seminar. To this day, I still get a kick out of striking up a conversation over dinner and continuing to talk until time to take a shower and go to bed. Try that sometime. You'll like it.

To hear God's voice in nature, we must stop, look, observe, and listen. **Romans 2:20**, reads "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made..." And **Psalms 19:1-4**, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the Earth, their words to the ends of the world." I admire nature, and nothing relaxes me more when I'm tired and worn down than a pause to enjoy the beauty of creation.

Every once in a while I like to reflect on previous moments from the past and desires for the future. Every time I reflect, my three joys come to mind: church, family, and nature. What three things do you enjoy the most?

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church (K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday)	Marne	9:30 a.m.
<b>Islamic</b>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		
<b>Jewish</b>		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

### Hunter Army Airfield

<b>Catholic</b>	
Sunday Mass	Chapel 11 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>	
Sunday Service	Chapel 9 a.m.

### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.  
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.  
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza  
6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday,  
at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.  
For more information,  
call 877-7207.



## Kids Church

### Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

### 11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services  
(across from Diamond Elementary)

## For all kids Grade K-6

### Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?

Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831



Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, Upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1-3 p.m. at W. Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit [www.savannahusabda.org](http://www.savannahusabda.org)

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - signup at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Literary activities are held at various times now through May, free. Call 233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4-8 p.m. Call 925-7116.

The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets, which are \$6, are available an hour before showtime.

Visit Armstrong Arboretum

Armstrong Atlantic State University has an arboretum, which encompasses the 250 acre campus and displays more than 100 species of trees and 200 species of shrubs and other woody plants.

The Fern Collection, featuring 23 varieties of native and non-native ferns, is on the west side of Jenkins Hall. The recently

completed Ginger Collection focuses on seven groups of ginger plants and is at the south end of Hawes Hall. For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 921-5472.

Free dance lessons offered

Free ballroom dancing lessons are being offered at Club Stewart from 7 to 9 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month by the Moon River Dancers Association in Savannah. It is for Soldiers and their families. Couples and singles welcome. No registration is required. For more information, call 767-8609. Also, if you're into ballroom dancing and don't mind the drive, the Seaside Dance Association in St. Simons Island has dances every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer at Blanche's Courtyard starting at 7 p.m. The association also hosts a dance on the last Sunday of each month at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, in the grand dining room. Instruction starts at 5:15 p.m., and seating for the dinner and dance starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 634-9527 or e-mail

to [SeasideDance@bellsouth.net](mailto:SeasideDance@bellsouth.net).

Traveling Wall visits Savannah

The traveling version of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial will make its way to the Coastal Empire. Half the size of the original structure located in Washington, DC, "The Wall That Heals" is etched with the more than 58,000 names of those who died in the war. Opening ceremonies are scheduled June 14 at Emmet Park in Savannah and events will wrap up the following Sunday, June 17. Leisure Services City of Savannah is sponsoring the event and it will be hosted by the Vietnam Veteran's of America Chapter 671. Call 927-3356 or visit [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) for more information.

Experience the Vidalia Onion Fest

Vidalia will hold its 30th annual Onion Fest tomorrow through Sunday featuring arts and crafts, a street dance and the Navy's Blue Angels will conduct an air show you don't want to miss. For more information call 538-8687.

# Education Matters

Savannah Technical College Spring Fling

Financial Aid and Scholarship information available at the Rene Kemp Building at the Liberty Campus in Hinesville, 11 a.m.-1 p.m, on May 2. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 408-3024

Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The Grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor.

MGIB transferability to spouses

The Secretary of the Army has approved the transfer of up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program. This program became effective July 21, 2006. The program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills. Eligible Soldiers must have enrolled in MGIB on DD Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. If you cannot locate your Department of Defense Form 2366, check your official Military Personnel File or go online to Army Knowledge Online for details. Your Education Counselor can assist you with information about your MGIB benefits. Please contact your unit Retention Career Counselor for details. This program is managed by retention personnel.

Free SAT and ACT test prep software

The Victory Sports Group of NFL football players is sponsoring test prep software for military Families. There will be a small shipping charge for delivery. The sponsorship code is 2ad9c5ccfd for [http://sat.eknowledge.com/purchase\\_coupon.asp](http://sat.eknowledge.com/purchase_coupon.asp).

Get \$4500 in tuition assistance

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday during a one hour brief at the Education Center, Room 223. The [www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com) website provides 24 hours, 7 days a week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

Enjoy Fort Stewart coffee break

Have an Educational Coffee Break with us at 9:30 a.m., May 1. A professional counselor will discuss setting and achieving educational goals, the programs offered at the Army Education Center, and funding options for active duty, Family members and Department of the Army civilians. They are available to help you maximize your potential as you are affected by Army mobility requirements. Join us at Building 100. Call 767-8331 for more information.

College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immedi-

ate results. CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Please call 767-7558 or 877-3406 for more information.

Upcoming college term dates

Central Texas College, June 4-July 28, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter.  
Columbia College, June 4-July 25, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter.  
Embry Riddle, May 29 – July 30, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter.  
Savannah Tech, July 9-Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart.  
Webster University, May 28-July 30, 767-5357 at Stewart, 354-0033 at Hunter.

Savannah Technical College offers weekly childcare

Childcare is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Please contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Free college tutoring

Savannah Technical College is offering tutoring in math, English, computers, reading, etc. The service is available at the Hinesville Liberty Campus. Math and tutoring in the other subjects is offered Monday-Friday and is available some evenings.

Service at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center includes math tutoring is offered at 3:10-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday of each week. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Call 408-3024 for more information.

GED prep and enrichment courses offered

GED preparation courses, offered in partnership with the Liberty County Adult Education Program are held at the Army Education Center on Fort Stewart. These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis. Fort Stewart Education Center hours are: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. in rooms 225 - 228. Please call 368-7322 oe 368-7329 for more information.

GED registration available

GED registration is 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 7-8 and May 21-22. For more information call 368-7322 or 767-7329.

Check out Green to Gold opportunities

A Green to Gold representative is available at Fort Stewart Education Center at 2 p.m., May 3 and 17 and 2 p.m. May 10 and 24 at Hunter. For more information, call 315-6130.

Troops to Teachers / Spouse to Teachers programs

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program and Georgia Spouse to Teachers Program will be available to answer questions 11 a.m., May 23. The Georgia

Troops to Teachers Program provides eligible service members up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse to Teachers Programs, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Please call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331 for more information.

Computerized certification exams available

Hundreds of different certification exams, including many information technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, IBM exams, etc. are now being administered on computer in Room 165, at the education center. Because the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center has become an official Pearson Virtual User Environment center, many Soldiers and Family members have access to a broader variety of tests. For more information, call the test administrator, at 767-9569. For more information, visit [www.pearsonVUE.com](http://www.pearsonVUE.com). A representative from St. Leo College will visit 1-3 p.m. May 8.

Fort Stewart college graduation postponement

2007 graduates are being invited to join with the 2008 graduates for the May 15, 2008 ceremony at Stewart. We are recommending they contact their individual colleges for an alternate ceremony if they want to walk this year.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus'. Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships.

The application process is simple, visit [www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net](http://www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net), and set up an account.

Hunter education open daily

Counseling support is available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., five days a week in room 13 at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center. An Army Education Counselor is available 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Learning Center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Take advantage of a variety of study resources and internet capability. For more information call 315-6130.

Testing Hours: The testing office, room 21, is open two days a week. The open testing hours are 9 a.m. to Noon and 1-5 p.m. on Tuesday. Controlled testing (CLEP/DSST) is given on 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday. You must call 315-3790 or fax 315-6790 for an appointment, or email [chena.wilson@us.army.mil](mailto:chena.wilson@us.army.mil).

Colleges: The next college term for Webster University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Columbia College, and Central Texas College begins at the end of May.

It is time to get all financial applications completed. Remember that these schools are located at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Bldg. 1290.

# Arts, entertainment: adventures out west

Commentary

by Sasha McBrayer  
Fort Stewart Museum

The third-person shooter game simply called "Gun" ranks among the most fun console games I've played. This Western themed game, rated M for mature, is available for play on Xbox, Playstation 2, GameCube, and PC.

The driving story behind the game chronicles an Eastwood looking character called Colton as he seeks to avenge the murder of his foster father, a mountain man with an uncanny resemblance to Kris Kristofferson. As Colton tracks the killer he unravels a much larger conspiracy involving criminal lunatics, angry Native Americans, and legendary hidden treasure. As Colton, players learn to hunt wild game, drive cattle, stop trains in their tracks, shoot a bow and arrow, and even play Texas Holdem. The best aspect is even after the main story is over there's tons more to do. Colton can travel the territory as a bounty hunter or by making arrests as a U.S. Marshall. He can also join the Pony Express or turn 49er and hunt gold deposits. I highly recommend this Activision adventure. Just look for the yellow cover art.

In film, a new Western came out this year pitting Liam Neeson versus Pierce Brosnan. In the action thriller called "Seraphim

Falls", the Civil War has ended but Neeson's character is dead set on ending the life of the legendary Soldier played by Brosnan.

In a stark departure from the slick persona of James Bond whom Brosnan has officially retired and handed over to Daniel Craig, in this movie Pierce is scrappy, shows his age, and is quite the skilled outdoor survivalist.

Acclaimed for the psychological nature of the epic hunt and rated R for violence, Seraphim Falls did poorly at the box office, however could pick up fans in May as it is released on DVD.

If you catch the Wild West bug, I was also struck by Australian flick "The Proposition". This stark, arty, raw film is written by eccentric musician Nick Cave.

The result is almost a bloodthirsty poem which illustrates beau-



tifully the struggle of British pioneers cutting out a life in the Australian dust and sun. American Indians common to this genre are replaced by Australian Aborigine and their very similar sorrows. The tale is also very much about blood ties and redemption. It is a bloody film, not for the squeamish, but is also quite powerful. For me, another chance to see one of my all time favorite actors, star, Guy Pearce, is reason enough to watch. From roles in Academy Award winner "L.A. Confidential," "Memento," and "The Count of Monte Cristo," Pearce is a riveting actor, with an uncommon attractiveness.

For a softer, less bloody, more traditional Western rent the 2003 release "Open Range" starring and directed by Kevin Costner, with great supporting roles from Robert Duvall and Annette Bening. It's a well-made tribute to all the great old American Westerns.

Sasha's Weekly Top 5

5. Sanjaya's red bandana on the country themed episode of "American Idol".
4. Linkin Park's new single "What I've Done".
3. "The Pursuit of Happyness" on DVD.
2. New show, "Thank God You're Here" on NBC.
1. The trailer for "Fracture" in theatres April 20.